

**What is claimed is:**

1.

A nasal support device for supporting a first and second lateral vestibular wall of a nose of a domestic animal, said device comprising:

-a support layer positioned to provide structural support to said first and second lateral vestibular wall; and

-an engaging layer for securing said device to said nose of said domestic animal;

said nasal support device including:

-a first side piece for engaging said first lateral vestibular wall, said first side piece having a rostral end, a caudal end and a first rostral-poll dimension;

-a second side piece for engaging said second lateral vestibular wall, said second side piece having a rostral end, a caudal end and a second rostral-poll dimension;

- a midline region including an intersection of said first and second side pieces, said midline region having a rostral end, a caudal end and a midline region rostral-poll dimension that is at least as great as a selected one of said first rostral-poll dimension and said second rostral poll dimension.
2. A nasal support device according to claim 1 wherein said midline region rostral-poll dimension is greater than said selected one of said first and second rostral-poll dimension.
  3. A nasal support device according to claim 1 wherein when secured to said nose of said domestic animal said rostral end of said midline region extends rostrally between a first and second nostril of said domestic animal.
  4. A nasal support device according to claim 1 wherein said nasal support device is sized to fit an equine nose.
  5. A nasal support device according to claim 1 wherein said support layer of said nasal support device includes three or more lift members.
  6. A nasal support device according to claim 1 wherein said first and second side pieces include one or more lift members which traverse a rostral-poll dimension of said vestibular wall.

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7. A nasal support device according to claim 1 wherein said first and second side pieces extend over a portion of said vestibular wall.
8. A nasal support device according to claim 1 wherein said first and second side pieces extend to an incisive bone of a domestic animal.
9. A nasal support device according to claim 1 wherein said engaging layer comprises a discontinuous adhesive pattern.
10. A nasal support device according to claim 9 wherein said discontinuous adhesive pattern is applied to said nasal support device as a pre-cut patterned adhesive.
11. A nasal support device according to claim 9 wherein said discontinuous adhesive pattern comprises holes formed through said nasal support device.
12. A nasal support device according to claim 1 comprising a surface layer attached to said support layer.
13. A method for reducing the chance of occurrence of exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage in a performance horse, said method comprising a step of:

-securing a nasal support device to a first and second lateral vestibular wall of said horse.

14. A method according to claim 13 wherein said nasal support device comprises:

-a support layer positioned to provide structural support to said first and second lateral vestibular wall; and

-an engaging layer for securing said device to said nose of said domestic animal;

said nasal support device configured to include:

-a first side piece for engaging said first lateral vestibular wall, said first side piece having a rostral end, a caudal end and a first rostral-poll dimension;

-a second side piece for engaging said second lateral vestibular wall, said second side piece having a rostral end, a caudal end and a second rostral-poll dimension;

-a midline region including an intersection of said first and second side pieces, said midline region having a rostral end, a caudal end and a

midline region rostral-poll dimension that is at least as great as a selected one of said first rostral-poll dimension and said second rostral poll dimension.

15. A method for facilitating air flow in the nasal passages of a domestic animal, said method comprising a step of:
  - securing a nasal support device to said first and second lateral vestibular wall of said domestic animal.
16. A method according to claim 15 wherein said domestic animal is an equine.
17. A method according to claim 16 wherein said domestic animal is suffering from an upper respiratory tract ailment.
18. A method according to claim 15 wherein said nasal support device reduces inspiratory air flow impedance by at least about 5-10%.
19. A method according to claim 15 wherein facilitating air flow in said nasal passages provides for reduced respiratory noise in a horse afflicted with recurrent laryngeal nerve paresis.

20. A horse having a nose with a nasal support device secured to said nose for supporting a first and second vestibular free wall of said nose.
21. A horse according to claim 19 wherein said horse is wearing saddlery.

Claim A2

Claim B4